GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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GANGAU SANCTUARY
Gandhi Smt. Maneka

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gangau Sanctuary in Panna district of Madhya Pradesh was declared a sanctuary sometime back;

(b) whether a declaration was issued again in April, 06 by the Collector of Panna re-declaring it as a sanctuary;

(c) whether as a result of this re-declaration, 4 villages included in the earlier declaration have been de-notified while 4 new villages have been included by the Collector in the new order; and

(d) if so, the reasons and grounds for this geographical change of the existing sanctuary?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE NINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS: (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b),(c)&(d) As informed by the State Government, in April 2006 a proclamation under section 21 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 was issued by Collector Panna vide no. 249 dated 03-04-2006 to invite claims inside sanctuary. In the above Proclamation details of Khasra of 26 villages was given which showed revenue area of 4 villages namely Umravan, Madaian, Majhgawan and Hinouta outside the Sanctuary, which were included in the Sanctuary as per the Government notification. Also revenue area of 5 villages namely Bagohan, Harsa, Katariya, Jardhowa and Katari-bilhata was mentioned inside Sanctuary, which was not included in the Government notification.

This happened because incorrect Kharsa details of revenue and forest areas were mentioned due to misinterpretation of certain maps. However, the Collector Panna has issued modified proclamation of Panna Sanctuary on 7.7.2006, which gives description of boundaries and villages correctly.